

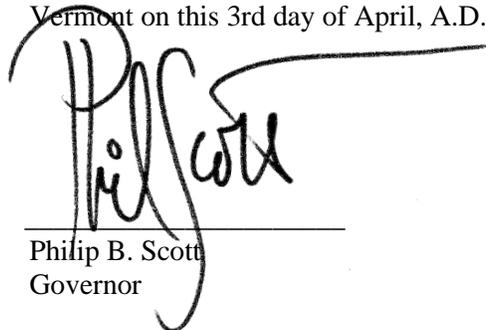
**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** April 2023 marks the anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which represents a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont has been a leader in the country by enacting a law to extend protections of the Federal Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation, age, marital status, gender identity, recipients of public assistance, and people who have experienced abuse, sexual assault, and stalking as protected classes; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont made historic investments in fair housing by providing first-generation homebuyers down payment assistance to build wealth through homeownership; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont took the further step to ensure fair housing by prohibiting discrimination against housing developments in land use and planning decisions based on the income of intended residents; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont supports fairness in all housing transactions and strives to be a welcoming place where opportunity is accessible to all and where the safety and security of a home are not obstructed by discrimination; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont is committed to taking affirmative steps to ensure the right to housing choice free of illegal discrimination for all members of our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** only through the continued commitment to upholding the civil liberties of all residents of our State can barriers to fair housing be deconstructed and the promise of freedom and opportunity for all be fully realized.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2023 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 3rd day of April, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs